



**Date of Council Meeting: July 21, 2014**

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION**

**Subject:** Water and Sewer Rate Study Follow Up Report

**Staff Contact:** Amy Wyks, Director of Utilities

**Recommendation:** N/A

**Issue:** Additional information as requested by Councilmembers after PRMG's Water and Sewer Rate Presentation at the July 7, 2014 Council Work Session.

**Fiscal Analysis:** N/A

**Background:** During the June 23, 2014 Town Council Worksession, Councilmembers continued discussion for the recommended sewer cap of 30,000 gallons per quarter and the initial year impact on commercial users.

Based on the outstanding issues from previous Town Council Worksessions on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, staff provides the following:

1. Attached are various water and sewer rate model scenarios and corresponding rates evaluating the sewer cap limit and commercial impacts.
2. Mandates regarding water conservation - The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) is the main federal law that ensures the quality of Americans' drinking water. The EPA has various programs and encourages partnerships in order to promote water conservation including WaterSense and the EPA Water Conservation Strategy. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is responsible for carrying out the mandates of the Waterworks Regulations and meeting Virginia's federal obligations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. VDH's Office of Water Supply works with the Town of Leesburg regarding water supply plans, water quality and monitors the Town's water withdrawal permit including groundwater and surface water reporting. The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) coordinates water supply withdraws and addresses water quality issues.

While there is not a specific mandate regarding water conservation, federal and state agencies are committed to meeting the needs of existing and future populations with safe drinking water and encourages all to use water efficiently and wisely. As a result, federal and state agencies provide guidelines, technical assistance and information regarding water conservation. An essential component to water resource management is the careful, efficient use of drinking water or conservation. Reducing water demand through conservation helps preserve water sources, improve water quality, protects drinking water resources and maintains aquatic ecosystems.

The consultant is available for discussion at the July 21, 2014 Worksession via conference call and Rob Ori from PRMG will be present at the Public Hearing on July 22, 2014.

Attachment (1) Consultant rate model results evaluating the sewer cap and commercial impact